

## **Internal meeting minute: Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill – FOI provisions**

- Date, time, venue: 14 May 2020, 10.30 – 11.00, by internal teleconference
- Present: Daren Fitzhenry (Scottish Information Commissioner), Margaret Keyse (Head of Enforcement ), Erin Gray (Head of Policy and Information)
- Chair: Daren Fitzhenry; Minutes: Erin Gray

**Discussed** Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill as published on 11 May 2020, and Stage 1 debate in Scottish Parliament on 13 May 2020 in which several MSPs intimated that amendments would be laid which would impact on the changes to Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) made by Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020.

**Discussed** matters arising from potential amendments, and whether the Commissioner has information or input to share which might add value or inform debate on them, beyond [briefing provided to MSPs during consideration of Coronavirus \(Scotland\) Act 2020](#).

**Agreed** that no further input to provide at this stage, beyond technical note regarding transitional provisions. This note will highlight importance of transitional provisions to ensure the impact of any changes made by this Bill are clear for those who have made requests for information or review since the changes made by the first Act came in to force – and authorities who have received them.

### **Actions:**

- Erin to draft technical note (and media statement in case required) and circulate to Margaret and Daren for comment
- Once approved, technical note to be sent to committee considering the Bill and Minister responsible for the Bill, as well as published on Commissioner's website